

MINUTES OF THE SIXTY-FOURTH REGULAR LAKEHEAD SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the Sixty-Fourth Regular Meeting of the Lakehead Source Protection Committee held on Wednesday, October 18, 2017, at the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority. The Chair called the Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bob Hartley, Chair
Bernie Kamphof
Jim Vukmanich
Ross Chuchman
Lucy Kloosterhuis
Guy Jarvis

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Gail Willis

LIAISON MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tammy Cook, CAO

LIAISON MEMBER ABSENT:

Lee Sieswerda, TBDHU
Mary Wooding, MOECC

ALSO PRESENT:

Simon Shankie, Watershed Manager
Roman Augustyn GIS/Data Specialist, recorder of Minutes

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA BY CONSENSUS

Agenda adopted by consensus.

2. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Sixty-Third Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, March 15, 2017, were adopted by consensus.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS AGENDA

Waukesha Diversion

It was noted that on June 21, 2016, approval was granted to the City of Waukesha, Wisconsin, a City which lies outside the Great Lakes Basin, to divert water from Lake Michigan. The SPC had previously sent a letter opposing the Waukesha Diversion in March 2016 and the Board of the LRCA passed a resolution opposing the Waukesha diversion in November 2016, which were forwarded to the Great Lakes St. Lawrence River Water Resources Regional Body. In addition, the Councils of the City of Thunder Bay, Municipalities of Oliver Paipoonge, Shuniah and Neebing, and Township of Conmee passed a similar resolution.

It was also noted that the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative, a group representing Canada and United States mayors of cities that are within the Great Lakes watershed and strongly opposed to the diversion, has dropped its opposition to the City of Waukesha diversion project. They plan however to meet with representatives of the eight states over the next year to negotiate possible changes to procedures for reviewing future diversion projects.

5. SOURCE PROTECTION PROGRAM

Chair's and Project Manager's Meeting

It was noted that the Chair and the Watershed Manager attended the Chair's Meeting on October 12 and 13, 2017 in Toronto and were provided with reference material pertaining to the Source Water Protection Section 36 Workplan and the overall Source Protection Program.

Source Protection Information Exchange

It was noted that on May 30, 2017, representatives from the MOECC Source Water Protections Branch visited the LRCA office as part of the MOECC Information Exchange. The Chief Administrative Officer, Watershed Manager, Finance Manager and SWP GIS/Data Specialist participated in the meeting. The MOECC were presented with an overview of the Lakehead program for the last two years (overview of area, local successes and implementation progress) and Source Protection Authority Administration and Management. An overview of the 2017-18 overhead costs in the DWSP agreement was also discussed at the meeting. Following the meeting, a tour of the Rosslyn Drinking Water System and the Bare Point Water Treatment Plant was undertaken.

Section 36 Workplan

The SPC reviewed and discussed Draft Version 1.0 Lakehead Source Protection Area Section 36 Workplan.

In completing the draft, staff completed a detailed review of the Lakehead Source Protection Area Assessment Report and the Source Protection Plan, as well as a review of the Amended Technical Rules for assessing Source Water Protection that were provided by the MOECC in March 2017. LRCA staff considered seven factors recommended by the MOECC in the development of the Section 36

Work Plan. These include environmental monitoring results, growth and infrastructure changes, council resolutions, policy effectiveness, implementation challenges, technical rule changes, and other local considerations.

The draft proposed updates to the Plan include:

1. IPZ-2 update to reflect the with new floodplain mapping on North Star Creek
2. Evaluation of spill response time in comparison to current delineation of IPZ-2
3. Update of Policy RV.1.CW-PA in SPP to remove references to the size of Waste Disposal Sites
4. Review of Policy RV.5.CW-EO in SPP to assess the need to distribute Education and Outreach materials in the future
5. Update of Policy RV.1.CW-PA in SPP to ensure future updates of Official Plan and Zoning continue to include intended prohibitions
6. Update of Policy RV.3.CW-SP in SPP to require updates and/or reviews of Salt Management Plan
7. Update of Policy TB.1.NLB-SP in SPP to require the placement of a minimum of two buoys at the Surface Water Intake

The final draft workplan will be reviewed at the November 16, 2017 SPC Meeting.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

It was noted that the MOECC released the Chief Drinking Water Inspector Annual Report 2016-2017. The Report summarized the performance of Ontario's regulated drinking water systems and laboratories, drinking water test results, and enforcement activities and programs.

7. NEW BUSINESS

It was noted that some development in the Municipality of Shuniah along the Lake Superior shoreline is located on small lots which may have issues with septic systems due to limited available area.

8. OPEN DISCUSSION

9. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for November 16, 2017 at 9 a.m. to approve the final version of the Section 36 Work Plan prior to submission to the SPA and subsequent submission to the MOECC prior to November 30, 2017.

10. ADJOURNMENT BY CONSENSUS

Meeting adjourned by consensus at 10:23 a.m.